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Q4011 on 1406 acid tankers Hampton Nickel Smelter to West Kalgoorlie at #130 signal on Binduli triangle on August 15th.

Photo Toad Montgomery

Re-railing of the Koolyanobbing to West Kalgoorlie railway with 60kg rail replacing life expired 47kg rail laid, when line was built in 1968 commenced on September 2nd. The re-railing commenced at Koolyanobbing and will proceed east to Kalgoorlie that will see track machines, ballast and rail trains in use with a works window each day. This work when completed will give a line laid with 60kg rail on concrete sleepers from Kwinana to Kalgoorlie as few small sections with wooden sleepers in metro area are also being replaced.

BHPB Ion Ore former Mt Newman Mining ex CB&Q lounge observation car was moved from BHPBIO Nelson Point to its new home near The Courthouse Gallery at west end of Port Hedland on August 24th. The Sundowner car is being prepared for its new use as a coffee shop cafe in the redeveloped west end area.



Sundowner lounge observation car that still shows its old CB&Q General Pershing Zephyr name Silver Star in The Courthouse Gallery precinct in west end of Port Hedland on September 2nd. Photo Toad Montgomery



LZ3107 on 7442 freight just South of Beete on Esperance line on August 28th.

Photo Don Copley



Q4013 & LZ3109 on 6478 combined nickel, Leonora freight of lead and empty tankers just south of Malcolm on Leonora line on its run to Kalgoorlie on August 27th.

Photo Don Copley



F40 at its new home, the Hotham Valley Railway depot Pinjarra on August 31st.

Photo Alex Mackay



P2514 on the main line at Ballaying while 2262 is loaded at CBH silo on 30th August. Photo Daryle Phillips



Q4016 about to attach onto 5C74 lime shunt at Parkeston on 27th August.

Photo Don Copley



AC4305 on 6430 sulphur train at Malcolm, about to run round the consist August 27th. Photo Don Copley



LQ3121 runs 7C71 Parkeston lime shunter out of West Kalgoorlie on August 14th. Photo Toad Montgomery



SD70ACe #4369 the last locomotive unloaded on September 3rd at gate #9.

Photo Toad Montgomery

MV Jumbo Challenger berthed at Port Hedland on morning of September 1st discharged its cargo of nine SD70MACe for BHPB Iron Ore that were trucked to Nelson Point hardstand and railed. These locomotives will be hauled to Boodardie and will be commissioned over the coming weeks. Following unloading MV Jumbo Challenger sailed during evening of September 4th.

SCT yard shunter K208 has been repaired by Gemco and returned service on August 27th.

NR87 had its wheels re-profiled at ARGs Forrestfield wheel lathe on August 17th, the first NR for a few years to have this work done by ARG at Forrestfield.

EMU set #93 was hauled by Transperth transfer locomotive MA1862 from old workshops Midland to Claisebrook on September 3rd. EMU set #93 was subsequently hauled by another EMU set to Nowergup for commissioning. All graffiti was removed from all the cars at Midland.

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